

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A ~~back of a~~ watch case comprising a middle (7) and a back with:

a cover (4) that is screwed or clamped into the middle (7) and that defines an external surface of the back; [[and]]

a false back (11) installed against an internal surface of said ~~cover,~~ cover; and

a joint for preventing water infiltration between the middle (7) and the back,

wherein an electronic identification element (5, 6) provided with an antenna is installed between said cover (4) and said false back (11).

2. (currently amended) The ~~back of a~~ watch case according to the claim 1, wherein said false back (11) comprises a decoration (10) on a glass side.

3. (currently amended) The ~~back of a~~ watch case according to claim 2, wherein said decoration (10) is marked in [[the]] a thickness of said false back (11).

4. (currently amended) The ~~back-of-a~~ watch case according to claim 1, wherein said false back (11) has an even thickness and wherein said cover (4) comprises means of attachment (40, 42) to the middle (7) of the watch case.

5. (currently amended) The ~~back-of-a~~ watch case according to claim 1, wherein said false back (11) is attached securely against said internal surface of said cover (4).

6-7. (canceled)

8. (currently amended) The ~~back-of-a~~ watch case according to claim [[16]] 1, wherein said electronic ~~circuit (5)~~ identification element (5, 6) is fixed in a cavity by way of a double-sided adhesive.

9. (currently amended) The ~~back-of-a~~ watch case according to claim [[16]] 1, wherein said electronic ~~circuit (5)~~ identification element (5, 6) is coated with resin.

10. (currently amended) The ~~back-of-a~~ watch case according to claim 1, wherein  
said cover (4) and/or said false back (11) are metal,  
said cover (4) has a thickness of about 5 to 7 tenths of  
a millimeter, and

said electronic identification element (5, 6) is adapted  
to solely be supplied with energy by induction.

11-23. (canceled)